

**Baltimore County Public Schools
Graduation Requirements for Students Entering Grade 9 in or after 2011**

*Note changes in the box below.

The Baltimore County Public Schools Graduation Requirements are outlined on this page.

All Baltimore County Public Schools offer the required core courses. Electives are courses other than the core courses.

MARYLAND HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS (HSA)

Passing the High School Assessment at the end of: (See page 6 for details.)

- English 10
- Algebra/Data Analysis
- Biology



+PLUS - BALTIMORE COUNTY COURSE CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

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| English | 4 |
| Social Studies | 3.5 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One credit must be earned in each of the following: United States History, American Government, World History, and one-half credit in Economics. | |
| Mathematics | 3 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One credit must include algebra and one credit must include geometry. • University System of MD requires four years of high school mathematics for admission, and most colleges require at least Algebra 1, Algebra 2, and Geometry. <p><i>Students should consult counselors or math instructors about their mathematics sequence.</i></p> | |
| Science | 3 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One credit must be earned in Biology. The University System of MD and most colleges require achievement of the appropriate level of competencies and core content associated with three courses in the biological, physical, and earth/space sciences. <i>Students should consult counselors and science instructors about their science sequence.</i> | |
| Physical Education | 1 |
| Health | 0.5 |
| Technology Education | 1 |
| Fine Arts** | 1 |
| Core Credit Total | 17 |

+PLUS - COMPLETION OF AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING SEQUENCES:

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| <p align="center">4 Credits in a Specified Sequence of Courses in an approved Career & Technology Program</p> <hr/> <p><small>*University of Maryland System requires a non-trivial algebra*** in the final year beyond Alg. I, Alg. II and Geometry</small></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> See school counselor for specified course.</p> | OR | <p align="center">2 Credits in Advanced Technology Courses and 2 Credits in any Elective</p> <hr/> <p><input type="checkbox"/> See school counselor for specified course.</p> | OR | <p align="center">2 *Credits in the same World Language in high school and 2 Credits in any academic Elective (science and math credits are recommended)</p> <hr/> <p><small>*University of Maryland System requires a non-trivial algebra*** in the final year beyond Alg. I, Alg. II and Geometry</small></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check individual college admission requirement.</p> | OR | <p align="center">University of Maryland System Minimum entrance requirements</p> <p align="center">2 *Credits in the same World Language in high school and 1 Credit in any Elective (science recommended) and 1 *Credit of non-trivial algebra*** in the final year beyond Alg. I, Alg. II and Geometry</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check individual college admission requirements.</p> |
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(Each program sequence prepares students for postsecondary study)

**Total Required Credits 21
ALONG WITH 75 HOURS OF PRE-APPROVED STUDENT SERVICE-LEARNING**

****Students may fulfill the high school Fine Arts requirement by successfully completing either:**

- An identified 1 credit course in art, music, theatre, or dance; **or**
- Any combination of two identified .5 credit courses from art, music, theatre, or dance**

****The dance program must meet the Maryland Curricular Framework.**

*****"Non-trivial algebra is intended to mean that the level of mathematical concepts discussed and the level of problems that are used in the course would be at least as sophisticated as those that relate to problems appearing in the Achieve ADP Algebra II test. Examples of courses meeting this requirement include Algebra II, Trigonometry, Precalculus, Calculus and successor courses, Statistics, and College Algebra. An important feature of any such course is that it utilizes algebra in a substantive way, so the student does not lose the algebraic and numerical skills achieved in earlier courses." USM Bylaws, Policies and Procedures of the Board of Regents, III-4.00 - POLICY ON UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS (Approved by the Board of Regents, January 11, 1990; Revised October 4, 1996; Revised October 5, 2001, Revised December 4, 2009)**

Baltimore County Public Schools

Graduation Requirements for Students Entering Grade 9 after 2005 and Prior to 2011

*Freshmen entering prior to fall 2005 must see their school counselor for graduation requirements.

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| Physical Education | 1 |
| Health | 0.5 |
| Technology Education | 1 |
| Fine Arts* | 1 |

Core Credit Total

17

+PLUS - COMPLETION OF AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING SEQUENCES:

4 Credits in a Specified Sequence of Courses in an approved Career & Technology Program

See school counselor for specified course.

OR

2 Credits in Advanced Technology Courses and

2 Credits in any Elective

See school counselor for specified course.

OR

2 Credits in World Languages and

2 Credits in any Elective

Check individual college requirements.

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